



ANNOUNCING

2006 ADOLESCENT LITERACY COACHING PROJECT SUMMER, 2006

The Collaborative Center for Literacy Development (CCLD) in collaboration with the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) announces an exciting professional development opportunity for teachers in grades 4-12. The Adolescent Literacy Coaching Project (ALCP) is sponsored by House Bill 93, which requests and supports the development of a cadre of literacy coaches across the state in elementary (4-5) and secondary schools (6-12). The purpose of the ALCP is designed to raise teacher expertise in delivering high quality literacy instruction and practices across the core content areas (mathematics, science, social studies, and language arts).

Goals:

- 1. Participants will be a part of a coaching network of teachers who will be charged with working with teachers in grades 4-12 to improve literacy instruction and practice in the content areas.
- 2. Participants will develop the leadership expertise for coaching teachers and develop learning communities for improving literacy instruction and practice across the content areas at the school level.
- 3. Participants will demonstrate intentional planning for instructional practices and strategies in literacy across the content areas.

This project aligns to the Kentucky Board of Education's strategic priorities (leadership, refocusing secondary/high school redesign, achievement gap, reading/literacy, early childhood) to raise student achievement in literacy across the content areas. In addition, this project is timely in that the nation is beginning to bring greater awareness to the needs of adolescent students in their literacy development and achievement.

This project establishes a competitive grant process for districts and schools to apply for funding to support a literacy coach in their district/school. At the completion of the two-year commitment, literacy coaches will have received 12 hours of graduate credit and a stipend for coaching and leadership responsibilities.

Each district/school wishing to apply for participation in the ALCP must complete and return the ALCP application and narrative by June 6, 2006. A panel will be convened to review each application, and successful districts, schools, or participants will be notified by June 16th, 2006. Visit the CCLD website www.kentuckyliteracy.org for the application packet, training dates and locations, and additional information. If you have questions, please contact:

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